

APPROVES REPEAL OF JUDGES' PENSION

House Committee Recommends Bill With Amendment Protecting Judge Keith.

TORRENS MEASURE REPORTED

Browning Introduces Antivice Statute Embodying Drastic Injunction Feature.

By a divided vote, the House Committee for Courts of Justice reported favorably yesterday the bill introduced by Delegate Ruck, which provides for the repeal of the act passed in 1914, providing pensions for judges of the State Supreme Court of Appeals upon retirement after twelve years of continuous service, and after they have reached the age of seventy years.

ACT HAS ENCOUNTERED MUCH HOSTILITY

The act providing pensions for retiring judges of the Supreme Court has encountered hostility in many quarters, and it was looked upon as certain long before the General Assembly convened that a determined effort will be made at the present session to have the law repealed.

BROWNING OFFERS ANTIVICE MEASURE

The introduction by Delegate Browning of Orange, of a drastic antivice bill was yesterday reported on the floor of the House when the bill is expected to be held in the General Assembly. The bill is practically a copy of the measure introduced at the session of 1914 by Delegate Land, of Nottoway.

DECLARED TO BE NUISANCES WHICH MAY BE ENJOINED

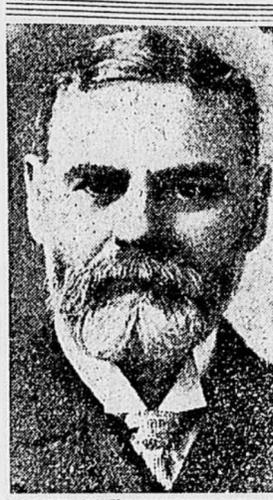
The bill declares the establishment, construction, maintenance, ownership, occupation or lease of any house or building used for recognized immoral purposes which are specifically enumerated a nuisance to be enjoined by the courts.

OWNER MAY GIVE BOND TO ABATE NUISANCE

The proceeds arising from the sale of the chattels, it is provided, shall be applied to the payment of the costs of the action and abatement, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the defendant. If the owner pays all costs of the proceedings and files a satisfactory bond, guaranteeing that he will himself immediately abate the nuisance and prevent its re-establishment for one year, the court, the bill provides, may cancel the order of abatement as to the building only.

A final section provides that the attorney for the Commonwealth, or other attorney representing the prosecution for violation of this statute.

For Preparedness



JAMES R. MANN.

TARIFF INVESTIGATION BY NONPARTISAN BOARD

Formal Announcement is Made That President Wilson Favors Creation of Commission.

HOPES FOR SPEEDY ACTION

Feels Justified in Pressing for Enactment of Measure Because of Present International Conditions and Those to Follow After War.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—Announcement was made to-night that President Wilson favors the creation of an independent, nonpartisan commission, with broad powers to investigate tariff duties, the relations between industries at home and abroad, and the entire tariff and commercial machinery of the world.

WHY HE FEELS JUSTIFIED IN ASKING FOR COMMISSION

Although the President has previously taken the position that the power of a tariff commission already held by the existing government bureau, he told Mr. Kitchin he felt justified in pressing for the creation of a separate commission at this time because of unusual international conditions, and an account of interest at the United States will have in commercial adjustments after the present upheaval.

WOULD COLLECT DATA ON TARIFF RELATIONS

In addition, the President desires that the tariff commission would be able to collect much data throwing light on the tariff relations between the United States and foreign countries, the rates of duties imposed on American products by foreign countries, the existence and effects of discriminating duties, the effects of commercial treaties and preferential agreements, the results of export bounties, and the effects of any special or discriminating duties imposed by the United States.

Damaged by Bad Weather.

STORNOWAY, SCOTLAND, January 25.—The Swedish steamer Graecia, from Baltimore, January 5, for Stockholm, has put in here, damaged by severe weather.

NORFOLK VIA C. & O. Three fast daily trains leave Richmond 9:00 A. M., 12 noon and 4:00 P. M.

MINORITY LEADER SUPPORTS WILSON

Mann, "Little Navy" Advocate, Declares Emphatically for Adequate National Defense.

ADDRESS IS SIGNIFICANT

Better Spend Millions Now Than Billions When War is at Hand.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—In a brief and carefully worded and at times impassioned speech, Representative Mann, of Illinois, minority leader of the House, to-day came out emphatically for national preparedness and for strengthening of national defenses all along the line, as well as the upbuilding of home industries as part of the plan.

While it has been understood that most of the Republicans favored army and navy increases, until to-day none of their leaders had spoken on the subject. Consequently, coming, as it did, on the eve of the President's departure on a preparedness-speaking tour, Mr. Mann's address was regarded as particularly significant.

MUST PREPARE TO-DAY FOR EVENTS OF TO-MORROW

Representative Mann said he had been recognized heretofore as opposed to a large standing army and was properly known as a "little-navy" man. "But," he said, "wise men ought to look forward and be prepared to-day for what may come to-morrow. The greatest struggle of the world is now going on among all the great nations of the world except the United States.

WOULD SPEND LAST DOLLAR WHEN TIME REALLY COMES

"It is wise for us now to commence our preparations, for we know that when the time comes we would spend our last dollar to defend our homes," Mr. Mann said he would increase the standing army, add to the coast fortifications and provide an adequate navy to protect the seas.

SHUBERTS ARE SUED

Mother of Late Clyde Fitch Makes Attempt to Collect Royalties Said to Be Due.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 25.—Alleging that the Shuberts own the estate of her son, the late Clyde Fitch, the playwright, \$15,000 in royalties, Mrs. Alice H. Fitch to-day brought suit in the Supreme Court against the theatrical managers.

AMERICAN PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

LONDON, January 25.—The parliamentary correspondent of the Westminster Gazette says in reference to to-morrow's debate in the House of Commons on the blockade controversy that it can safely be said that the government has no intention of accepting the American proposal for a stricter blockade.

VIGOROUS REPLY TO NEWSPAPERS

British Government Issues Four-Column Answer to Daily Mail and London Post.

EXPLAINS TRADE FIGURES

Action Is Taken in View of To-Day's Important Debate on Blockade.

LONDON, January 25.—In anticipation of to-morrow's important debate in the House of Commons on the blockade question, the British government to-day issued a four-column statement challenging and refuting statistics recently published in the Daily Mail and the Morning Post concerning what those newspapers have declared the hugely increased imports into the neutral countries of Holland and Scandinavia since the beginning of the war.

IMPORTS ARE RESTRICTED TO NORMAL QUANTITIES

Concerning cotton, figures are given showing that very large quantities of the staple were imported before the full effect of the order in council was felt, but it is stated that since April imports have been restricted to the normal quantities imported before the war.

TEXT OF COMMUNICATION IS CAREFULLY GUARDED

While the text of the communication from Berlin was guarded carefully from the public both by the State Department and the German embassy, it may be stated that the German proposals carried the following provisions:

DAILY MAIL AND MORNING POST STICK TO THEIR GROUND

The government's reply to the allegations of the Daily Mail and the Morning Post concerning looseness in the blockade against Germany is the subject of editorial comment in the morning papers.

ADMISSION OF OBLIGATION

The United States also wants more than an offer from Germany to pay its legal obligation to pay indemnity for American lives lost.

BURGLAR VERY POLITE

Gently Blinds Girl With Rope and Blindfolds Her With Violet-Scented Handkerchief.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 25.—The story of a polite burglar, who gently bound her with a rope, blindfolded her with a violet-scented cambric handkerchief and, while apologizing, ransacked the bureau drawer, getting \$50 in cash, was told to the police to-day by pretty little Mary Finnigan, fifteen years old, whose father owns a restaurant at 73 Fulton Street.

LAST WORD IS SAID BY UNITED STATES

Settlement of Lusitania Case Now Rests Entirely With Berlin.

PROPOSALS ARE REJECTED

Lansing Preparing Note Which Will Flatly Set Forth Demands.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WASHINGTON, January 25.—The United States to-day rejected the German government's proposals for settlement of the Lusitania case. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was summoned to the State Department by Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon and advised of this decision.

WILL HANG IN BALANCE UNTIL REPLY IS RECEIVED

The Lusitania question will hang in the balance until a reply is received from the German government. It was stated in the most authoritative quarters to-night that the question of whether the Lusitania case is to be settled rests entirely with Berlin.

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General Aylmer's Relief Expedition to Kut-el-Amara Disastrously Defeated by Turks.

OTTOMAN CORDON STILL HOLDS

Turkish Reports Tell of Three Battles, in All of Which British Were Driven Back and Lost 7,000 Men.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, January 25.—General Aylmer's relief expedition has been defeated by the Turks with great loss on the Tigris.

NOT SO DISASTROUS

A second engagement reported in today's Turkish official statement was west of Korna. This was not so disastrous to the British, although in their retreat they left 1,500 dead on the field.

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"On the heights of the Meuse a small German detachment which tried to approach our lines, after a spirited bombardment, was easily dispersed by our fire.

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Machine for Aero-Marine Service Designed to Make Eighty Miles an Hour.

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Severe Reverse for British Arms

Reports from Turkish headquarters are correct, the British forces in Mesopotamia suffered a severe reverse in their endeavor to reach the besieged town of Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris River.

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ARTILLERY DUEL SPREADS ALONG WESTERN FRONT

Germans and Allies Are at Grips From Mouth of Yser to Ypres.

SECOND "DRIVE ON CALAIS" IS QUICKLY CHALLENGED

Only at One Point Has Either Side Essayed an Attack.

FRENCH TRENCHES SHATTERED

Counterattacks Clear Tumbled Works and Position is Maintained.

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